

October 30, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Communication  
Gulf of Mexico Cellular Proceeding  
WT Docket No. 97-112; CC Docket No. 90-6

Dear Ms. Salas:

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), hereby submits this notice of a telephonic ex parte discussion between the undersigned and Mr. David Furth of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau on October 29, 2001 respecting the above-referenced matter.

Inquiry was made of Mr. Furth as to the status of the proceeding. On behalf of ALLTEL, the undersigned reiterated ALLTEL's belief that the status quo should be maintained in that portion of the Gulf of Mexico west of the Florida borderline and that opportunities should be made available to provide service to the Gulf of Mexico along the Florida coast line. ALLTEL also indicated that its view of the status quo included retention of the propagation formula contained in Section 22.911(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, (i.e. a 28 dBu standard) for the Gulf carriers. ALLTEL also reiterated the matters set forth in its October 10, 2001 written ex parte presentation.

ALLTEL would be please to provide the Commission's staff with such further information or comments as they may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President  
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ALLTEL Corporation

Cc: David Furth, Esq.